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To the State Boundary Commission:

As an elected official in the city of Saugatuck, I still have not been presented with a workable plan for consolidation. I have read the July 17 remarks to the State Boundary Commission by the Consolidated Government Committee. The report is flawed, misleading, and in many cases proven to be wrong. There has been no concrete evidence presented by the consolidation effort that the cities would save any money by consolidating. The Iron River example presented has already been implemented in this community. There are no savings like those to be had in relation to Saugatuck, we already consolidated services and saved that 1.3 million.

There is no plan, no financial backing, no government buy in and no leadership to take us through this very expensive and tedious process.

To hold a referendum vote on what has been presented by the consolidation committee is a real disservice to this community. As you can plainly see from the Public Hearing and the correspondence afterward, there is no ground swell of support for Consolidation.

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Mayor of Saugatuck

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